Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-31 (cancelled).

32. (new) An isolated polypeptide comprising SEQ ID NO:12.

33. (new) The isolated polypeptide of claim 32 further comprising the amino acid sequence of a polypeptide selected from the group consisting of a poly-His peptide, a FLAG peptide, a peptide linker, a leucine zipper domain, and an Fc polypeptide.

34. (new) The isolated polypeptide of claim 32 in non-glycosylated form.

35. (new) An isolated polypeptide encoded by a nucleic acid molecule selected from the group consisting of:

(a) an isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a DNA sequence of SEQ ID NO:7;

and

(b) an isolated nucleic acid molecule degenerate from SEQ ID NO:7 as a result of the genetic code.

36. (new) The isolated polypeptide of claim 35 in non-glycosylated form.

37. (new) A polypeptide encoded by a recombinant nucleic acid, wherein the polypeptide is expressed by a method comprising culturing a host cell comprising said recombinant nucleic acid under conditions promoting expression of the polypeptide, and wherein said recombinant nucleic acid comprises a nucleotide sequence encoding the polypeptide and selected from the group consisting of:

(a) SEQ ID NO:7; and

(c) a nucleotide sequence degenerate from SEQ ID NO:7 as a result of the genetic code.

38. (new) The polypeptide of claim 37, wherein the polypeptide is expressed by a method further comprising purifying the expressed polypeptide.

39. (new) The polypeptide of claim 37, wherein the polypeptide is expressed by a method comprising culturing a host cell selected from the group consisting of bacterial cells, yeast cells, plant cells, and animal cells.

40. (new) The polypeptide of claim 37, wherein the polypeptide is expressed by a method comprising culturing a mammalian host cell.

41. (new) The polypeptide of claim 37 in non-glycosylated form.